

HARBOR LIGHTS



COMMODORE'S REPORT

COMMODORE DUKE ALLYN



Did you have a fantastic summer at MHYC? I've heard from nearly all of our members what an amazing respite MHYC has been during this pandemic. We all have realized the value of this private club and it's outdoor venues. There is nothing like it. Also, there has been widespread kudos for how Management and the Board has handled the protocols necessary in light of COVID-19. MHYC will continue to be your place of retreat throughout this fall and winter.

This has not come at a low cost. As might be expected, member usage June through August was fantastic. Unfortunately, our usage did not make up for two months of closure, no banquet/ event revenue, fewer member events, limited occupancy, and 10pm bar closing. In recent years our food and beverage operation has been a breakeven proposition. The bar makes up for the restaurant, and event revenue makes up for the lower member usage (when we are off cruising or on summer vacations). Supply costs were higher, as was payroll during this strange and hard to navigate time, as the board required management to focus on safety and membership satisfaction. The battle cry was: Be open for, and protect, our members.

Club operations were financed in part by securing a Payroll Protection Plan forgivable loan. Although operations cash flow was somewhat disappointing, the loan gave us a slightly better current financial position than at this same time last year. That being said, there is no shortage of competing needs for capital throughout the club and we cannot allow operations to dig into our cash resources.

The membership and entertainment committees are meeting Thursday, October 1st for a programming brainstorming session. I anticipate some interesting and fun things to come for us. Now is the time to try new (but appropriate) events, similar to the live music we enjoyed all summer. Our clubhouse's indoor spaces are quite large, and we are taking this opportunity to explore repurposing and reconfiguring the usage of our space. Finally, we are now officially back in the event business.

I ask that all members continue to enthusiastically support our club at this challenging time. Please consider inviting your families, friends, and business associates for gatherings here at your home away from home. MHYC's Zero-COVID-case track record has been extraordinary, and we commit to continuing to provide you with a safe and exciting place to bring your family and guests.



Hours of Operation

Dining Service

Lounge & Patio (weather permitting)

Monday thru Wednesday | Closed

Thursday | Dinner Service | 5-9pm

Friday-Saturday | Lunch 12-3pm & Dinner 5-9pm

Sunday | Brunch 11am-3pm & Dinner 5-8pm

Gas Dock

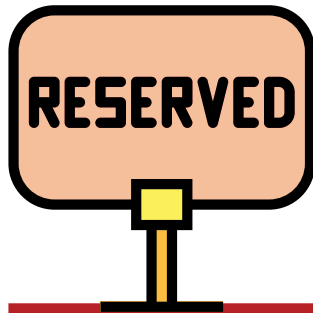
7 Days a Week 8am-7pm

Gas sales end at Dusk

Advanced Dining Reservations:

Online: www.mhyc.us/members

Email: Reservations@mhyc.us



Same day after 5pm:

Call: 440.257.7214

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OCTOBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Dining Hours Monday-Wednesday Closed Thursday Dinner Service 5-9pm Friday-Saturday Lunch Service 12-3pm & Dinner Service 5-9pm Sunday Brunch Service 11am-3pm & Dinner Service 5-8pm				1 HARBOR NIGHTS THE ISLAND DR. 7-10PM	2	3 SPEAKEASY SATURDAY BOURBON, SCOTCH & CIGARS 6-9PM
4	5	6	7 HAPPY HOURS 5-7PM	8 HARBOR NIGHTS JOSHUA ROBERTS 6-9PM	9	10 CLAM BAKE 6PM
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14 HAPPY HOURS 5-7PM	15 HARBOR NIGHTS ALEX BEVAN 6-9PM	16	17 SPIRIT OF AMERICA - MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
18	19	20	21 HAPPY HOURS 5-7PM	22 HARBOR NIGHTS SUNSET HARMONY 6-9PM	23	24 WITCHES BREW ADULT MHYC HALLOWEEN PARTY TBA
25	26	27	28 HAPPY HOURS 5-7PM	29 HARBOR NIGHTS STEVE YOCHUM 6-9PM	30	31 Halloween TRUNK OR TREAT TBA

Dates to know:

- 10/01 | Harbor Nights | Island Doctor | 7-10pm
- 10/02 | Friday Night Lights | Mentor VS. Strongsville | 7pm
- 10/03 | Spirit of America Car & Boat Show | 10am-2pm
- 10/03 | Speakeasy Saturday | 6-9pm
- 10/07 | Happy Hours | 5-7pm | MHYC Lounge
- 10/08 | Harbor Committee Meeting | 6pm
- 10/08 | Harbor Nights | Joshua Roberts | 6-9pm
- 10/10 | Clam Bake | 6pm
- 10/14 | House Committee Meeting | 6pm
- 10/14 | Happy Hours | 5-7pm | MHYC Lounge
- 10/15 | Membership Committee Meeting | 6pm
- 10/15 | Harbor Nights | Alex Bevan | 6-9pm
- 10/17 | Spirit of America Murder Mystery Dinner
- 10/21 | Happy Hours | 5-7pm | MHYC Lounge
- 10/22 | Harbor Nights | Sunset Harmony | 6-9pm
- 10/24 | Witches Brew & Adult Halloween Party | TBA
- 10/28 | Happy Hours | 5-7pm | MHYC Lounge
- 10/29 | Harbor Nights | Steve Yochum | 6-9pm
- 10/29 | Board of Directors Meeting | 6pm
- 10/31 | Trunk or Treat | TBA

Looking to participate in planning and event coordinating?

Email membership@mhyc.us

News from the SailRace Fleet

The 2020 Falcon Cup/Sundance Race is in the books! The Pandemic Edition required a special approach to onshore activities at the start and finish of the race, with both CYC and MHYC Commodores limiting the group activities. But on the water, it was another classic race with light winds, spinnakers, and multiple strategies to create the shortest time to finish. The sky was clear, and the breeze slowly rotated from the southwest to the north over the course of six hours. This really benefited those boats who chose to track north of the rhumb line and follow the wind rotation into the finish line.

We had 29 boats in the race this year, very respectable for the COVID-19 year where the other eleven scheduled inter-club racing events had been cancelled. A special thanks to Jim Sackett and Commodore Burton for moving this event forward.

Skippers brought their boats from as far away as Vermillion and Ashtabula. I sensed a great relief and excitement among the skippers who finally were able to get out and away from the confines of their clubs and join a distance race. The preparation for any racing season is challenging with planning and team building. This year was an incredible let down from so many sailors.

Pat Black reports that his attendance marks the 62 nd time he has participate in the Falcon – that is a record that will not soon be challenged! Special thanks to Jim Eganspberger on “Touch of Grey” for sailing with our club historian and providing the pre- and post-race camaraderie, and of course, congratulations for taking a second place in the JAM class.

Of special note, our new member Joe Marsh was highly successful with his beautiful blue J/42 “Anoria”. Joe and his team earned a first in the Cruising Canvas class by taking his boat north of the rhumb line. Russ Gallagher and his family crew placed second place in their Beneteau 37 “destiny” while Dave Scarnati, aboard his well-appointed Catalina 470 “Painkiller”, took third place as they both followed close to the rhumb line back to Mentor. Very enjoyable trip on the cruisers with their Biminis and other creature comforts!

The big winner of the day was Don Hudak in his J/111 “Capers” taking the Falcon Cup and earning his place among the best sailors on Lake Erie. This is Don’s first trip to the podium for this race having competed first in his MORC boat “Witchcraft” back in the 70’s and 80’s. Don is a sailing legend at MHYC and routinely races in the Port Huron to Mackinac race and other local events.

In second place in the PHRF A class was our own PC Scott Seaholm on “Papa’s Toy”. Along with his very talented crew, including PC John Rampe, he was just a short distance behind “Capers”.

Altogether, the event was well received by many sailors and we hope to have event greater attendance at the next “Pandemic 20”, a race series created this summer in collaboration with CLYC and GRSC. The race visits marks off each harbor and begins outside MHYC and proceeds either west or east depending on the wind direction. The race is for both PHRF and Cruising Class with a very minimal entry fee and allows total distancing with all communications, skippers meeting and starts, using VHF radio.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell Gallagher



ANORIA-JOE MARSH



**PAINKILLER-DAVE SCARNATI &
MARY ANN PEACE**



CAPERS-PC DON HUDAK



PC DON HUDAK



END OF SEASON

Janet M. Blanchard M.D , PC – Fleet Surgeon

September has come too fast and it has been a very challenging summer for boating with borders being closed, quarantining, etc; However, it has been a very beautiful summer. It has also nice to see the Harbor almost full thanks to our Membership Committee. Boats are starting to be pulled already and there have been no boating incidents this summer either!!

Thank you for being safe in every aspect and be careful on those ladders!!

See you next summer!

Janet M. Blanchard, M.D., Fleet Surgeon and PC

September 2020

MIHYC NEW MEMBERS

**JOHN & ROSE
GELSIMINO**
YACHTSMAN



ED & CINDY GUEST
YACHTSMAN



**SUE WORKMAN &
JENNIFER VAN HORN**
YACHTSMAN



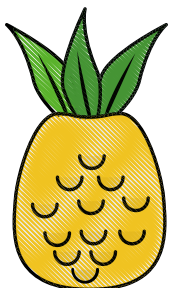
**JIM & HEIDI
EGENSPERGER**
YACHTSMAN



NOT PICTURED BUT WE WELCOME YOU!

DR. ANNABLE & CATHY ANNABLE

ELIZABETH & RYAN GOODEN



This is the first time in years that we could say that we are still sailing strong at MHYC in September. Our Junior Fall Race Team (which will evolve into “high school sailing” in 2021) is practicing after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Saturday mornings. Private lessons are also still available. Member and non-member adults and families and junior sailors are taking lessons on our Tartan-10, Breeze, the Hobie Wave, and dinghies. It has been an incredible summer introducing and expanding sailing and boating knowledge at MHYC for all ages. More to come in 2021!

I would like to personally thank the club members, the board and of course Jaime, Mike, Charlie, Autumn, Jon, Chef Rob, and the entire staff for the assistance, guidance and support in 2020. Our fall sailing instructor team did a great job keeping everything going, safely and keeping it fun even if the wind didn’t cooperate; many thanks to Caitlin and our instructor/coach team of Delaney Imbler, Ryan Zimcosky, Camille Imbler, Fisher and Fletcher Allyn. Lastly, I must thank members Naomi Guttmann and Don Hudak for their tireless efforts to keep our boats in working condition and Naomi’s impeccable organization skills. We kept them BUSY this summer, and their help is so appreciated.

MHYC HOSTED THE REGION’S ONLY 2020 US SAILING LEVEL 1 COURSE

As US Sailing transitioned much of its educational format online this year, it requires 10 days online and 2 in-person days for training the new Level 1 Sailing Instructor candidates. (This used to be a 4-day in-person course). We earned kudos for landing a course in our region, as the COVID precautions and US Sailing restrictions made it nearly impossible. For instance, the positive COVID-19 test rates for both Ohio and the instructor’s home state are required to be under 5% for more than 14 days in order to host a course. And then, you have to get 8 people to commit to taking the course in person. We found a window and pushed it through. The Instructor Trainer traveled to us from Northern Michigan, and had great things to say about the club: “The kids were so fun. Really nice job. Hats off to you guys, really nice club. Thanks for having me, it was fantastic.” We hosted candidates from Annapolis, all over Ohio and our own club (our son, Fletcher!) We anticipate that we will host at least one Level 1 in Spring 2021.

JUNIOR SAILING OUTLOOK

For the first time, MHYC’s Crow’s Nest Sailing Program offered pre-registrations for the following summer, and we already have 56 juniors committed! If you haven’t signed up yet, please secure your spot with a refundable \$100 deposit. The camp offers 3-6 weeks, 9a-4p, M-F for ages 7.5 to 16. We will finalize your registration in January (or release your spot to someone on the waitlist). We are also reviewing our boat assets so that we can host as many sailors as possible. Final registration will be sent to all pre-registered sailors in January, at which time we will release any open spots to the waitlist. Member children and grandchildren receive priority and, as always, a discounted rate. We anticipate we will be full, or waitlisted again, in 2021. We will once again offer 1-week Learn to Sail Sessions (10a-2p, M-F) in summer 2021.

Please note: We may have to adjust our schedule, as some local schools are already alerting parents to expect a later academic year-end due to potentially pandemic-related schedule disruptions. The I-LYA junior sailing council is planning on a “normal” 2021 summer schedule including Junior Bay Week/I-LYA Junior Championships with the understanding that it may have to be adjusted or shifted. We currently are planning to host the USA Junior Olympics Sailing Festival - Lake Erie event at MHYC on July 10-11 (Saturday-Sunday).

SAILING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2021 FOR ALL AGES

Private lessons and race team practices will commence in the spring as soon as the weather allows. Open sailing sessions will be offered from June through September; this is where members can rent our boats, including the Hobie Waves and dinghies, for a 3-hour period with MHYC Sailing Instructor rigging and safety assistance. Signups are sent weekly through the club notices.

US POWERBOAT SAFE HANDLING COURSE

We will once again offer US Powerboat Safe Handling courses in 2021. They can start as early as May and take approximately 1 1/2 days to complete. We will schedule several over weekends. The course is open to anyone ages 12+ and we have already hosted both juniors as well as adults in our courses. Members who are new to boating or who are experienced but who are looking to upgrade their boating, handling and water safety knowledge before taking their families out on boats. I actually took it myself, and realized how much I thought I knew, and how much more we have to learn. Two of our junior members - Gus Brown and Doug McLaughlin - commented that they immediately applied the boat handling skills when pulling up an anchor when the wind picked up the following weekend.

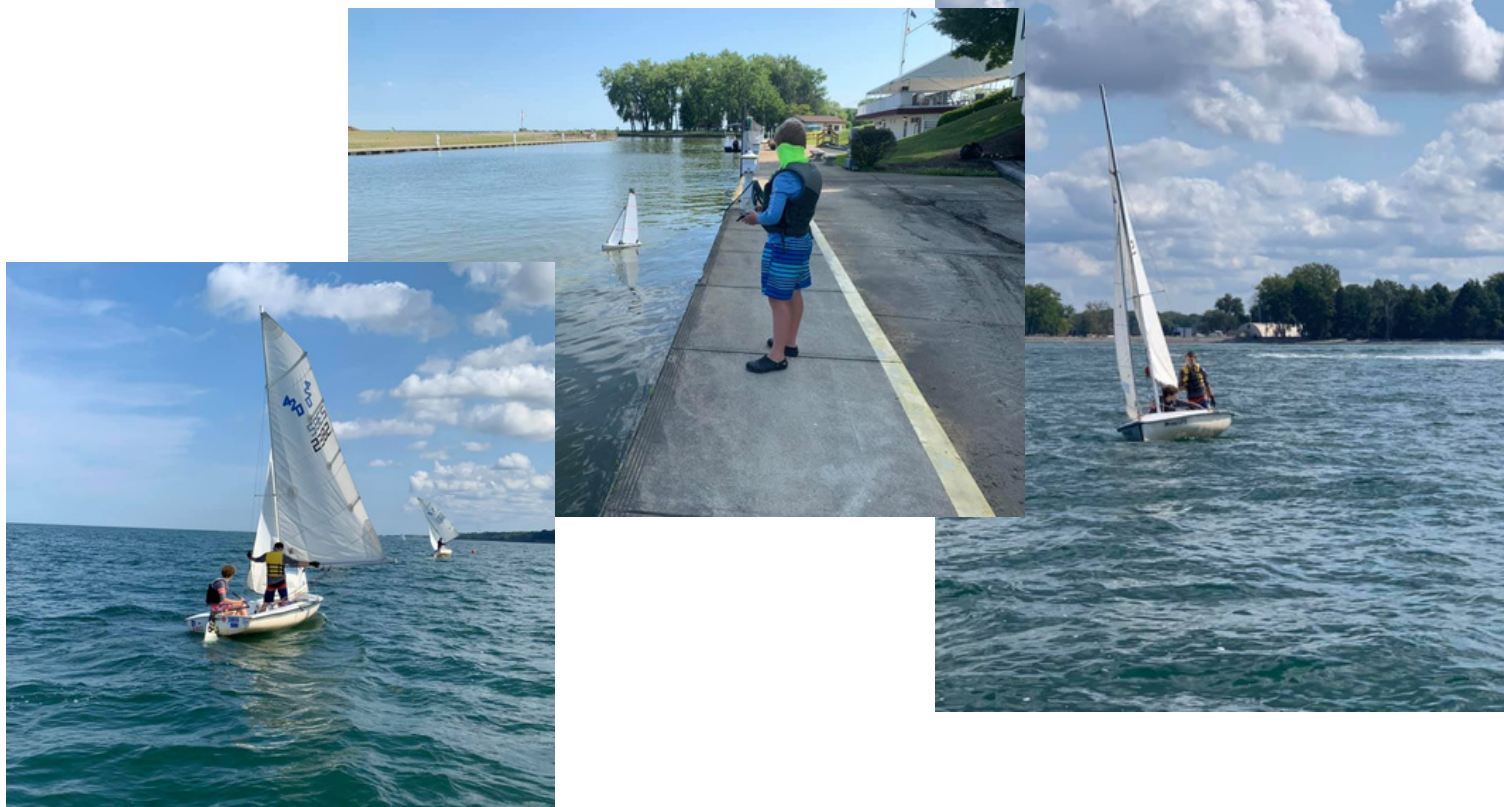
2021 SWIM TEAM OUTLOOK

Swim team will be revived in 2021, pandemic allowing. All Crow's Nest campers are automatically given either swim team practice time or basic swim lessons, depending on their ability and desire for participation. Our schedule will typically include home and away meets with several local swim and country clubs, including our friends at Cleveland Yachting Club. If anyone is interested in spearheading the 2021 meet schedule, please let me know.

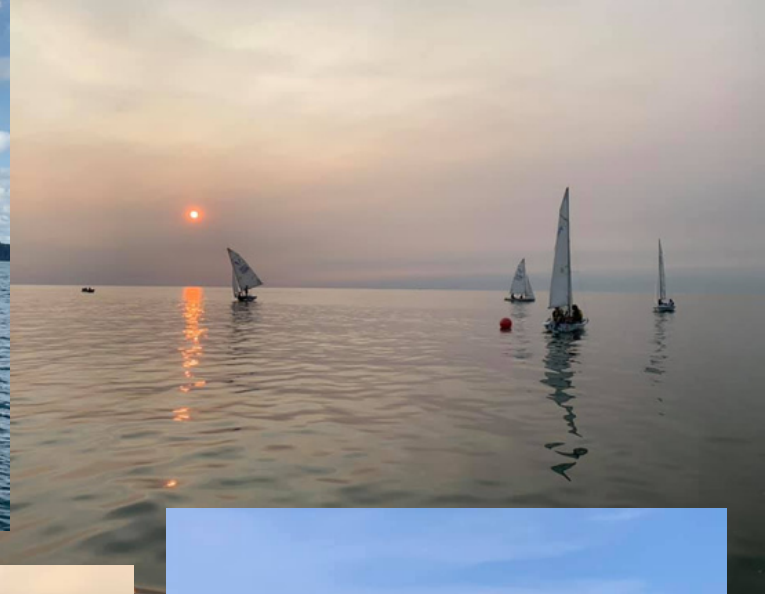
NATIONAL REGATTA HOSTING OPPORTUNITY OUTLOOK

Nearly all of the events scheduled in our region (Junior and adults) have had their bids and weeks transferred from 2020 to 2021, so there are not many opportunities to host a major event in 2021. We will aim for a 2022 bid to host either an adult or junior national or international-level regatta at MHYC.

Any questions: Please contact us at mhycsailcamp@gmail.com



SAILING IN ACTION



What is Pickleball?

...One of the fastest growing sports in the world!

Pickleball is a sport invented in 1965, combining elements of badminton, ping pong, and tennis. Using a paddle, two or four players hit a perforated polymer ball (otherwise known as a whiffle ball) over the net.

For our more curious folks, the name origination has a couple of possible sources. According to some, the name was coined when inventor, Joel Prichard, said it reminded him of the “Pickle Boat” in crew, where oarsmen were chosen from the leftovers of other boats. Some claim that the name was derived from the Prichard’s family dog, Pickles. It seems funnier to imagine Pickles chasing the whiffle ball, thus the name.

That said, in August, two of our members, Walter and Kelley Payerl, introduced the sport to MHYC and it has really taken off. They set up one pickleball court on our tennis courts and slowly offered members to come learn and play – and as they say “if you build it, they will come” and they did. We now have three courts! A big thank you goes out to Walter, Kelley, Richard Spine, Jason Lallo for grooming and designing the courts. Thanks to Colleen and Jim Gallagher for developing the new parking area out front. Thanks to Karen Sackett Rampe for being the enthusiastic recruiter!

To date, we have had three round robin competitions and the participation has been awesome. Each person is teamed up based on a pre-assigned number and rotated game to game. Our inaugural round robin was Labor Day weekend and each event has had about 25 participants. We now have had 45 different people play on the courts.

Honors go to everyone for participating. Winners over the three events are:

David Leifer, Bill Frissell, Pete Cerar, Joyce Schaefer, Jason and Tina Lallo, Janis Gallagher, Colleen Gallagher, Terry Harrak, and special “kitchen award” presented to Karen Sackett Rampe. Ask us about the Kitchen!

We have scheduled a fourth round robin for Saturday 10/3 from 1-4. Libations (beer and wine) are available for purchase. If you want to learn to play and join the fun, please reach out to Walter and Kelley Payerl @ 440-279-3376.

Finally, how do we keep this going in the cold winter months? We are working with Pickleball World (behind Heisley Racquet Club) for a 2-hour time slot, just for MHYC members, on Sundays 2-4 PM. Starting Sunday, October 11. We will have 4 courts reserved. Punch card for 10 visits is \$80, 5 visits \$40, drop in \$12. If you are interested, again, please contact Walter and Kelley.

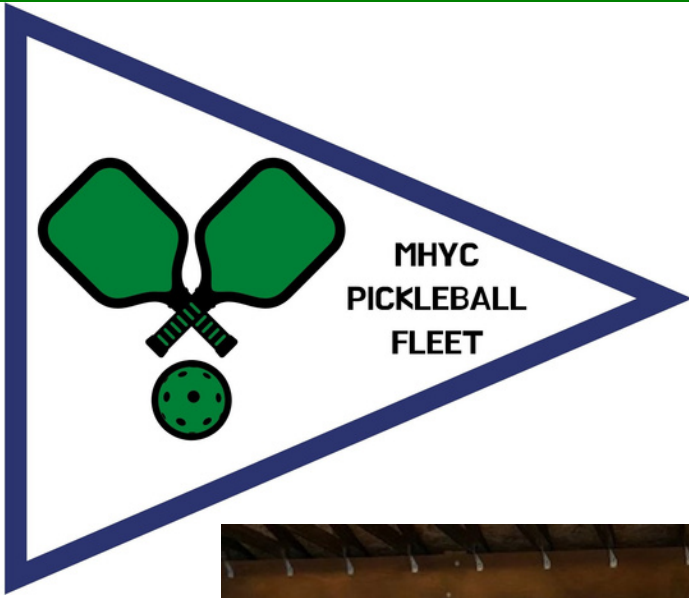
Looking forward to having more of our members join us!

Thank you,

The Pickleball Fleet!

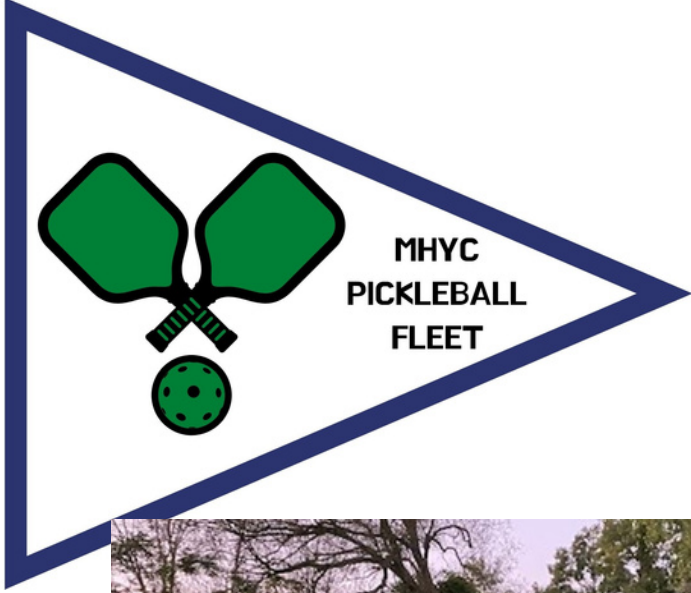
PICKLEBALL | MEMBER ARTICLE

KAREN SACKETT-RAMPE



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INTERESTED IN SKEET CLUB?

What is Skeet Shooting?

Skeet shooting is a recreational and competitive activity where participants, using shotguns, attempt to break clay targets mechanically flung into the air from two fixed stations at high speed from a variety of angles.

Interested in being part the skeet club?

Contact Rear Commodore Mike Pettrey at mdpettrey@cmtransport.com today!

This guy!





Harbor Lights

GM Article

October 2020

Fall is here and as we bid farewell to a great summer at Mentor Harbor things are not slowing down from an activity standpoint at the Club. The Entertainment and Membership committees are working diligently to bring plenty of new events and promotions as we head into the off season. Beginning this weekend, we have Speakeasy Saturday with fine Scotches, Bourbons and Cigars.

On Saturday, October 10th the annual Club Clambake will take place. This is a traditional clambake and fun for all ages. Mrs. Cecelia Duer will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner on October 17th to raise funds for the Spirit of America, non-profit foundation. Reserve a spot and help us identify the culprit! Continuing with the Fall fun we have the Witches Brew Adult Halloween Party on the 24th and a Kid's Trunk or treat in the afternoon on October 31st. If you aren't familiar with the Trunk or Treat concept, anyone who would like to take part can show up with candy in their cars in the lower, west parking lot and the kids will go from car to car trick or treating.

Finally, by popular demand, we will be hosting a Happy Hour on Wednesday evenings with an hors d'oeuvres menu from 5:00-7:00 PM along with happy hour drink specials. Please note that Ala Carte dinner service is not available on Wednesday's, only the hors d'oeuvres.

Thank you all, I hope to see you soon.

COMMODORE'S BALL 2020



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CLAM BAKE

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2020
SERVICE TIME | 6PM

NO A LA CARTE DINNER MENU AVAILABLE THIS EVENING

BREAD & HOUSE BUTTER

CLAM CHOWDER

OYSTER CRACKERS

LITTLE NECK CLAMS

ROASTED POTATOES | CORN ON THE COB | COLESLAW |
DRAWN BUTTER | CHEF'S CHOICE VEGETABLE

ROASTED BONE-IN CHICKEN

CHEF'S CHOICE DESSERTS

\$34 ADULTS | \$16 KIDS



ADD-ONS

SUBJECT TO MARKET PRICING

GRILLED STRIP STEAK | \$20

TWIN LOBSTER TAILS | \$24

EXTRA DOZEN CLAMS | \$16

ONE SEATING AT 6PM

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MENTOR HARBOR

Happy Hours

WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER

5-7PM

10.07 | 10.14 | 10.21 | 10.28

Hors d'oeuvre menu only | no ala carte dining